

LILLEY IN SPECIAL MESSAGE DECLARES NEED OF LILLES BILL

Legislature Should Make General Policy, but Commission Should Have Charge of Detail.

Governor Outlines His Views of Control of Public Service Corporations—Should Be Kept Under Careful and Continuous Supervision—Honest Corporations Need Have No Fear.

(Special from United Press.)

Hartford, Feb. 25.—Pointing out the impracticability of a legislature which only holds bi-ennial sessions and attempting to give the proper attention to public utilities and stating that the source through which these special privileges are granted, Governor Lilley today sent a message to the House urging prompt action on the public utilities bill which provides for the appointment of a commission for the supervision of public service corporations.

The message is as follows:

To the Honorable General Assembly: I desire again to call the attention of your Honorable body to the report on the bill of the commission concerning public service corporations which I believe to be the most important measure before the General Assembly of Connecticut at this time. It is unnecessary to comment on the present condition of public utilities corporations in this state, to urge this bill upon you as a foreign measure, but I do urge it upon you as enlightened and progressive legislation in line with the advanced policy of sister states.

The immense perplexity of modern business conditions has rendered the supervision which is possible under the present system, insufficient. It is no longer practicable for the legislature, meeting once in two years for a few months, to give public utilities the careful scrutiny which the people rightfully demand. The same source from which the grants of special privilege flow should be possible under the present system, insufficient. It is no longer practicable for the legislature, meeting once in two years for a few months, to give public utilities the careful scrutiny which the people rightfully demand. The same source from which the grants of special privilege flow should be possible under the present system, insufficient. It is no longer practicable for the legislature, meeting once in two years for a few months, to give public utilities the careful scrutiny which the people rightfully demand.

(Signed.)

GEORGE L. LILLEY,
Governor.

MANY APPLICANTS FOR POSITIONS ON MEDICAL STAFF

No Change in Corps is Contemplated by the Board of Charities, Although Positions Are Eagerly Sought

The number of applications for positions on the medical staff of the Board of Charities indicates that business is not very good among the doctors in the city. Every member of the board has been approached by a number of physicians, anywhere from two to 20, and also by their friends and the politicians who think they have more or less of a pull with the department. In spite of all these applications there have been no indications that there will be any changes in the department when the time for the appointments comes.

The board as now constituted is harmonious, indeed so harmonious that the spice of the controversies of the past is missed and the meetings of the board seem tame by contrast. It is safe to say that there will be no jangles. So far no one inside the department has suggested any change.

The scalping knives which have been whetted from time to time for the scalps of Superintendent Brennan, Clerk Nevins and Investigator Morrissey have been sheathed with no prospect of their reopening. The board has expressed itself as satisfied with its present staff and there are no indications that there will be any change whatever.

No applications have as yet been received for the positions of superintendent, clerk, or investigator. It is possible, however, that there may be a change at Ledgeview, when the new board gets under way. It was rumored some time since that Supt. Cowles would give way for some other man when the new board was organized, but no such move has as yet been recognized by the board as a whole.

The members of the board are awaiting the action of the committee in charge of the Police and Charities buildings so that they may begin work on rooms for the chauffeur of the ambulance. Temperatures below zero were reported from the lower Mississippi valley and freezing temperatures extend as far south as Atlanta, Ga. Another storm is developing in the north-west.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The following special storm warning has been issued by the Weather Bureau: "The severe storm now centering off the Gulf of St. Lawrence will move east or southeast over the Atlantic Coast to-day."

MRS. ROBERT UNWIN RECOVERS FAST

Victim of William H. Hopkinson Will Be Discharged from Hospital in a Few Days.

Mrs. Robert Unwin, the victim of a murderous assault of the suicide William Henry Hopkinson, who occurred at her home 487 Pembroke St., on Feb. 8 is recovering rapidly at the Bridgeport hospital where she still remains. It is expected that she will be discharged in a few days. The terrible stab in the chest, which penetrated her neck has completely healed and the broken arm, which resulted from her fall from the roof of the porch in her efforts to escape her assailant, alone keeps her at the hospital. She is able to be out every day.

WRECKERS TO TRY TO FLOAT THE STARIN

Work of Removing Machinery and Boilers is Begun Today.

Wrecking Co. Will Try to Lift Vessel Into Deep Water.

Huge Chain to Be Passed Around the Hull—No Guarantee that Operations Will Be Successful, Because Position of Steamer Against the Breakwater Puts Wreckers at Disadvantage—Toole & Sunderlin Divers to Recover Sunken Portion of Cargo.

A crew from the New York station of the Merritt & Chapman Wrecking Co., began the work of removing the engines and machinery from the hull of the wrecked steamer, John H. Starin which lies on the Steeplechase Island breakwater. After the machinery is removed an effort will be made to float the craft thus lightened.

A crew are aboard of the derrick rigged tug W. E. Chapman, which has been in the government service at San Diego, Cuba and the huge derrick lighter, Atlas.

After the machinery is removed the wreckers will plank up the holes in the vessel from the outside, and will put a huge chain around the craft, with which they will endeavor to pull her into deep water. There is no guarantee on the part of the wreckers that the huge steamboat will be successfully floated, but an effort will probably be made to-morrow, or Saturday, to accomplish the feat. The craft lies in a position that puts the wrecking crew at a disadvantage, as the breakwater being alongside the derrick boats are unable to get on more than one side of her.

Toole & Sunderlin, the local contractors who salvaged all of the cargo of the wreck that could be secured aboard the craft and floating in the water in the vicinity of the wreck, had the contract of recovering that part of the cargo which lies beneath the surface of the water. A diver will be sent in this morning to examine the wreck and the work would be commenced this morning but the water was so rough outside of the breakwater that the operations were given up for the day.

CARDINAL GIBBONS PRAISES MR. TAFT

Speaks in Glowing Terms of the President-Elect.

(Special from United Press.)

Baltimore, Feb. 25.—Cardinal Gibbons who returned from New Orleans early in the week spoke to-day in glowing terms of President-elect Taft.

"Mr. Taft is a man of fine calibre," said the Cardinal, "and his tact and diplomacy are offset by his kindness and his open heartedness. He filled all who met him with love and warmth and I am sure he made few or no enemies. His good executive ability, combined with his judgment and his wisdom, has made him a great President. I feel that he is a man of principle who will respond to his duties nobly."

It is known that the Cardinal had a warm regard for President McKinley and those who know him say that he holds Mr. Taft in still greater esteem.

Of the Panama Canal Cardinal Gibbons was not so enthusiastic. He said the business interests of New Orleans do not think so highly of the project as their northern countrymen, declaring that money invested in it would be lost as a result.

GOVERNOR LILLEY WILL BE PRESENT AT 30TH BANQUET

Bridgeport Bar Will Feast Mind and Body at the University Club Tomorrow Night.

The 30th annual banquet of the Bridgeport Bar Association will take place tomorrow night at the University Club. The banquet committee has arranged to make it notable in many ways. The association is the oldest in the state and one of the largest. The banquet will be held at the Stratford, March 17. An invitation has been sent to former Governor Higinson of Rhode Island, but an answer has not been received. The officers of the society are: President, John T. King; Vice President, Frederick C. Mullins; Secretary, James H. Rooney and Treasurer, Peter Dolan.

MERIDEN FIRE WAS INCENDIARY

(Special from United Press.)

Meriden, Feb. 25.—V. C. Lucas, fire marshal, to-day reported to the State Police and to the local police that a fire this morning in a three story building at 451 Center street, owned and partly occupied by Solomon Kanschker, a tailor, was incendiary. Five hundred dollars damage was done. The fire marshal says he discovered inflammable material and cokes and an alcohol lamp between the walls of the Kanschker apartment. The police are conducting an investigation.

MAY USE BENZOATE OF SODA.

(Special from United Press.)

Washington, Feb. 25.—The use of benzoate of soda as a food preservative will be permitted hereafter according to an order issued to-day by Secretaries Cortelyou, Wilson and Straus, composing the government's board of food and drug inspection. The report is in accordance with the recent finding of a board of experts. It is stipulated that each package shall be labeled so as to show the amount contained.

FRAUD AGAINST GOVERNMENT

Is Charge Against Lekas and Vorias, Well Known Greeks.

Alleged That They Conspired to Procure False Naturalization Papers.

Parlou, for Whose Benefit Job Was Done Is Wanted—Suspects Admitted to Bail By U. S. Commissioner Peck.

If the charges against John Lekas, son of the proprietor of the Greek restaurant in Water street, and Costas Vorias, an employee of the Union Metallic Cartridge Co., are proven in the courts, they will find that it is a serious matter to barter in naturalization papers. They were arrested yesterday by U. S. Deputy Marshal W. L. Parmelee of New Haven, who came here armed with warrants for three men, the third being Nicholas James Parlou, a new arrival from Greece, who wanted naturalization papers before it was time for him to have them and who was unable to answer the questions he would be obliged to answer if he appeared before the Superior court.

Parlou got out of town before the deputy marshal arrived, but it is believed that he will not be able to get out of the country without being apprehended. All three of the men are charged with conspiring to defraud the government under Section 5413 of the Federal statutes, while Lekas has the additional charge against him of selling naturalization papers.

Upon being taken into custody, Vorias and Lekas were taken before U. S. Commissioner E. B. Peck and a dete for a hearing was set for Saturday morning, at 11 o'clock.

Bonds in the case of Lekas were fixed at \$1000 and he was locked up in the county jail. Vorias was to furnish a bond of \$300 by signing his bankbook over to his foreman, J. W. Blakeman, and the mechanical engineer at the U. M. C. Co.

The alleged fraud was discovered by James Farrell, U. S. Naturalization Examiner of the Eastern New England district. He found the entries upon the books of the Immigration Bureau in New York concerning the history and description of Nicholas James Parlou, who was taken with the questions readily answered by the man who appeared in the Superior court on Dec. 23 last and represented himself as Parlou.

Secret service men took up the case and evidence was secured which gave good ground to believe that Lekas had been the brains of the scheme and had contemplated conducting a business of supplying citizenship papers to all those who desired to get them. The papers secured for Parlou were what are known as "ghost" papers. In order to get them the man who appeared in court under Parlou's name took an oath to renounce his allegiance to King George of Greece and declare his intention to become a citizen.

The first papers are valuable in many cases in securing work for the men holding them. Once in possession of second papers the holder can return to Greece and receive the protection of the U. S. government in case he originally left there charged with some offense. A political name.

At the office of the Immigration Bureau in New York those coming into this country are obliged to answer many questions such as the names of his grandparents, the names of his brothers and sisters, how many children he has, if any, and many other questions which might be asked of a minor nature. The immigrant feels that he wants to be a citizen of this country he is liable to be asked a number of questions which he must answer. If he is unable to do so, he is next to impossible for an impostor to get hold of all of the questions which were asked of the immigrant upon his arrival in this country. Many questions are not duplicated in the examinations but all are noted separately, so that each alien has a history of his answers in the hands of the archives of the Naturalization department of the government, and each attempt to get papers illegally is easily detected as the papers are investigated after the papers are granted.

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Brownsville Bill Approved for Passage

(Special from United Press.)

Washington, Feb. 25.—The bill passed by the Senate for the creation of an army commission to recommend for enlistment the members of the Brownsville battalion able to prove their innocence, was recommended for passage by the House Committee on military affairs to-day by a vote of ten to five.

CITY COURT FACTIONS IN COMBAT

Corridors Thronged With Adherents of Opposing Slates.

Regular Committee Rooms Too Small; Hearing in Supreme Court Chambers.

Speakers Selected to Represent Either Side—Close Observers Declare it "Nip and Tuck" Between "Old" and "Young"

(By Our Special Correspondent.)

Hartford, Feb. 25.—This is a field day for Bridgeport before the committee on Judiciary, which is hearing the arguments of the two factions of Republicans from that city in regard to the appointment of judge and deputy judge of the city court, and the removal of the capital have been filled all day with the friends of both sides of the contest, the largest delegation of Bridgeporters which has appeared at Hartford for a number of years before the big delegation in the committee rooms, and both sides put forth their strongest men to make the arguments.

The slates are headed by Carl Foster for judge and Frank L. Wilder for deputy judge upon the state of the old men, and they are opposed by Elbert C. Hull and Robert H. Gould as the candidates of the young men's faction of the Bridgeport Republicans. Both factions were extremely busy during the morning and up to the hour at the hearing, the hearing commenced, and the adherents of both sides expressed themselves as confident regarding the outcome. In the opinion of outsiders, however, the contest is a close one and it is nip and tuck between them.

The proponents of the Foster and Wilder slates were heard first by the committee. Owing to the large number appearing it was impossible for the committee to hear all who were present and both sides selected a number of speakers to make the argument and the adherents of both sides expressed their preference by a rising vote. There was but little advantage for either side in point of numbers.

The principal speakers for the Foster and Wilder slate were former Judge E. K. Nicholson, who acted as master of ceremonies, and the Senators, Manwaring and Holzer, Representative Clark, Mayor Lee, Charles M. Cole, Attorney Stiles Judson and J. B. Klein. Others who favored this candidacy were:

Messrs. W. H. Marikold, Wilder, Zink, Wilson, Judge Thomas P. Coughlin, William P. Devitt, H. H. Jackson, Henry Rowe, Henry E. Bishop, former Senator W. B. Brown, ex-Sherman James E. Burns, Peter Hummel, Attorney Jesse A. Stewart, W. W. Bent, George Burrows, L. Kornbluth, and T. Gray, S. T. Brown, Judge A. B. Boers, Ralph S. Beers, Judge W. H. Kelsey, Robert Fitzroy, Attorney Shapiro, City Sheriff Thomas Hamilton, H. Clappett, and Harry Crossley.

The leaders for the young men who espoused the cause of Hull and Gould were: Senator Chamberlain, Thomas Arnold, Sr., and J. Fisher, Henry Hoffman, Rodney Allen, ex-Alderman Sturges, Alderman Eugene Meyers, Attorney Fred F. Hall, J. A. Turner, Attorney J. Cohen, Frank Braithwaite, Charles Poland, Capt. Arthur J. Liffie, Capt. Fred Sturdevant, ex-Alderman J. E. Howard, Richard W. Williams, James Hughes, William Dodge, Walter Barker, and many others.

There were various rumors throughout the corridors during the afternoon, the "old" men expressing the greatest confidence as to the result and the young men saying they were sure of winning. The hearing was not concluded at press hour.

BUSY NIGHT FOR CHEMICAL

Coal Box, Overheated Bricks and Pipe Cause Little Fires.

The crew of the loco chemical took to the water like ducks last night during the downpour and had two calls within half an hour which taxed the "keep out" qualities of their rubber coats. At 6:40 p. m. an alarm was sent in from box 14, at Broad and State streets, for a fire in the apartments of Miss Grace Robinson, 260 State street. Coal box in the hallway, which was filled with paper, became overheated. The fire got into communication with the wall of the hall. The crew of the chemical chopped away part of the wall to ascertain that no fire was left in the building. Damages, \$25.

Another call was registered, this time from the W. A. Smith Building Co. at Cannon street. The firemen found that the trouble was under a big stove, resting on a foundation of brick. The bricks had become exceedingly hot, causing the wooden flooring underneath to smoke. No damage.

Chemical No. 2 responded to a call at 7:30 from the home of Charles S. Evans, court librarian, 330 Maplewood avenue. Mr. Evans' father while smoking his pipe in a large rocking chair set fire to the chair. Damage slight.

KILLED BY SWITCH ENGINE.

New Haven, Feb. 25.—The body of August Heidrich, aged 50, who was killed last night in the railroad yards here was to-day sent to his home in Rochester, N. Y. Heidrich was employed as a carpenter for the New Haven railroad at Milford and came to this city last evening to receive his pay. While walking in the yards he was struck by a switch engine and instantly killed. His body was horribly mangled.

EASTON STIRRED BY MYSTERY OF CLOTHED SKELETON IN FIELD

Remains are Those of a Woman Apparently of Advanced Years.

One Theory is that She Was a Friendless Person Who Fell Exhausted—Another Claim is that Murder May Have Been Done—Aged Woman Called at Andrews Home Four Years Ago.

The skeleton of a woman, shreds of flesh desiccated by long exposure to the cold clinging to it, was discovered in a field on the Adams Road, in Easton, last night, by boys. The remains had evidently been disturbed by wild animals. But the clothing was still about the grisly exhibit and the framework was imbedded in the grass in a way to indicate either that death had overtaken the woman as she lay at rest, or else that if the body had been brought to the spot, it had been carefully composed in the attitude of a person sleeping.

The people of Easton are much excited by the discovery and two theories prevail. The clothing was pulled up, other in the minds of the many who have now visited the scene.

The first theory is that the skeleton was that of a friendless woman, who exhausted and penniless found herself on the highway at this point and lay down to rest, or die.

This theory was supported by the statement of Elmer S. Andrews, owner of the farm upon which the remains were discovered.

Mr. Andrews remembers that about four years ago a very old woman appeared at his door, asking for food and a place to lodge for the night. The family was then under quarantine, scarlet fever being present in the home, and it was necessary to deny the petition for lodging. But Mrs. Andrews refreshed the wayfarer with food and drink, and the visitor went on her way, after profusely thanking her hosts, however, she never returned.

But after thinking the matter over Mr. Andrews can not reach the conclusion that the clothing upon the skeleton is that of the old woman who visited his house, Mr. Andrews said: "It is true that some four years ago, in April, or perhaps in May, along about dusk, an old lady came to us to ask for lodging. She was hungry and we gave her food. She went her way, and that was the last we saw of her. I cannot recollect that the clothing she wore corresponds with the clothing on the skeleton. Neither do I remember, at this time, the black straw hat which she wore. It was in which he said that the remains presented the appearance to his mind of having been clawed over by wild beasts. He said that some of the smaller bones lay as far away from the main portion of the skeleton as 20 feet.

DEMURRER IS OVERRULED

Decision Rendered by Judge Gager on Collateral Issue in Steel Plant Case.

Judge Gager, in the Superior court, yesterday rendered a decision on the demurrer to the answer of the plaintiff in the case of Alice M. Jones and others against the American Tube & Stamping Co. The original complaint was that the location of the plant in the East End was a detriment to the neighborhood, having destroyed a section as a residential location, and lessened the value of property.

The defendant set up an answer that the company is continuing its business in a proper manner and that it is not a nuisance, and if so it is legalized by the Legislature. The demurrer took the ground that the Legislature took away from the company authority to maintain a nuisance as that would be unconstitutional. Judge Gager overrules the demurrer.

(UNCLASSIFIED.)

LOST—Sunday, small white dog. Reward if returned to 63 Elmwood avenue. B 25 a p o

JUST OFF Main St. but the goods are fresh at Wood's Smoke Shop, 61 Cannon. B 25 a p o

LOST—A bunch of keys (5). Finder please return to Bridgeport Gas Light Co., Main St. office. A 25 a p o

WANTED—Neat, intelligent woman to canvass in near by towns for business. Address, Business Bureau, 114 South St. A 25 a p o

YOUNG COUPLE wish two or three light housekeeping or board and room. West Side preferred. Address, Reasonable, Farmer Office. B 24 b p

SPECIAL MEETING of Ida Lodge, No. 20, I. O. O. F., this evening, 7:30 p. m., at their hall, Curtis Bldg., to take action on the death of John T. Mooney. J. J. Kelly, Secretary. P. Donnelly, Warden. A 25 a p o

FOR SALE—Chiffonier, stand, graphophone, book case and desk combined. Kitchen cabinet. Just the thing for cottage or furnished rooms. Dishes, and many small articles. Must be sold by March 20th. A. T. R., 37 Sixth street. B 25 a p o

WANTED—Small auto runabout, cheap for cash. Address Box No. 753, City. B 24 d p o

GEORGE L. SCHNEIDER can now be found in J. J. Meyer's barber shop at 138 Fairfield Ave. B 24 u p o

WANTED—Competent general housework girl. Call evenings between 7 and 8 o'clock, 2134 North Ave. B 24 s o

ATTENTION! A call meeting of Lodge No. 20, I. A. of M., Friday evening, Feb. 26, 1909. Business of vital importance will be transacted. Every member should be present. Signed, LODGE NO. 20, I. A. of M. B 25 b o

FOR SALE—High grade upright piano, cheap. Square piano, 50 cts. a week. 12 Piano Boxes, good for ash box or chicken coops. \$44 No. 10. B 24 t f 2 4 6 o

HAVE YOU GOT \$25.—Would you like an opportunity to invest it in a gold bond secured by New York City Real Estate with guaranteed income and participation in accumulative profits? An opportunity for the small investor to get the largest possible earnings from his savings with guaranteed security. It is your duty to investigate at once. On application particulars will be forwarded by return mail. Address Security, P. O. Box 205 Madison Sq., N. Y. B 24 b o